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INTEGRATED OPTICAL CIRCUITS, AND DEVICES FORMED  
USING SAME**

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Please reconsider the above-referenced patent application in view of the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.